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NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that those who care for and interact with people who have hearing loss consider using a clear mask during communication. People with hearing loss often rely on lipreading, which is prevented by regular masks.<sup>1</sup>

The National Association of the Deaf says, "For communication access, clear masks are better than masks such as cloth masks, surgical masks, or N-95 masks. Keep in mind, some clear masks still block parts of the face. Clear masks may also become fogged while being worn. You can purchase some liquids to help reduce mask fogging".<sup>2</sup>

## See guide to the right with descriptions of some available clear masks.

These products are listed for informational purposes only. The North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) does not endorse any product, cannot guarantee how effectively the product will perform, cannot guarantee that the product is in stock and cautions that prices may vary. This is not an exhaustive list of all masks on the market. You can search trusted websites for other available products. DSDHH is not responsible for misuse of masks mentioned.

| Product   | Photo | Mask <b>s</b><br>Per<br>Pack | Reusable<br>or single<br>use | Strap or<br>Tie Type                          | Cleaning<br>and Care                    | FDA<br>Registered | Cost  |
|---|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|
| <u>Clear Mask</u>   |       | 24                           | Single                       | Cordlock<br>straps                            | Disposable                              | Yes               | \$67.00<br>Per Box,<br>Cases<br>Available                           |
| <u>Communicator</u><br><u>by Safe "N'</u><br><u>Clear</u> |       | 40                           | Single                       | Elastic<br>Earloops                           | Disposable                              | Yes               | \$60<br>Per Box,<br>Cases<br>Available                              |
| <u>Smile Mask</u><br>by Rafi Nova                         |       | Varies                       | Reusable                     | Ear loops<br>and Tie-<br>Behind               | Hand wash<br>with mild<br>soap, air dry | No                | Varies<br>\$14.00-<br>\$16.00<br>Multi-<br>packs<br>available       |
| <u>The hearing</u><br><u>spot</u><br>Facemask             |       | Varies                       | Reusable                     | Adjustable<br>Ear loops<br>and Tie-<br>Behind | Machine<br>Washable or<br>Handwash      | No                | Varies<br>\$11.00-<br>\$16.00<br>Educator<br>Discounts<br>Available |

## Clear Mask Resource List ... Continued



Keeping windows on clear masks from fogging up: Some mask companies sell anti-fogging wipes or treatment for masks. The North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not endorse any product.

**Knowledge Base** is an online community offering strategies for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and **Do-It-Yourself tips** for preventing mask fog.<sup>3</sup>

- 1. Considerations for Wearing Masks
- 2. Best Practices for Wearing Masks When Communicating with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People
- 3. Strategies to keep clear windows from fogging up

If you need further information about clear masks please contact your local <u>DSDHH</u> <u>Regional Center</u>.

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|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|--|
| <u>Humanity</u><br><u>Shield</u> |       | Varies              | Reusable                     | Face<br>Shield<br>with<br>Fabric<br>Barrier | Soap and hot<br>water, then<br>left out<br>to dry | Unknown           | \$59.60<br>Bulk<br>Pricing<br>Options<br>Available |
| ADCO Brand<br>Masks              |       | Varies              | Reusable                     | Cordlock<br>straps                          | Machine   | Yes               | \$60<br>Per Box,<br>Cases<br>Available             |

## Clear masks that are coming

| Product                                   | Photo | Mask<br>Per<br>Pack       | Reusable<br>or single<br>use | Strap or<br>Tie Type | Cleaning<br>and Care | FDA<br>Registered | Cost                          |
|---|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| FaceView<br>Mask<br>(Coming Fall<br>2020) |       | 40<br>Masks<br>Per<br>Box | Unknown                      | Unknown              | Unknown              | Unknown           | Available<br>in Pre-<br>Order |



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